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There is a nip in the air these mornings, but that's about all.

The Los Angeles papers could cut down their print paper about fifty per cent if they would eliminate their automobile and matrimonial accident sections.

It is generally admitted that the world did not come to an end on December 17th and that The Sun was mainly responsible for preventing such a spectacle.

There is a new party sprung up. Friends of General John Pershing have organized a boom for him as president on the republican ticket—Well, well and why?

The Miami Silver Belt issued a very creditable Christmas number last week and the patrons of the paper showed their appreciation by using plenty of space.

Republicans in congress are in favor of declaring the war with Germany off, but the democratic administration seems to feel that it is their war and they hate to lose it.

If you are loyal to Flagstaff—live here—and tell 'em where you live. Spend the money you make in Flagstaff, wherever you please, but don't deny your own mother of money.

The "big five" packers have decided to humor the government and divide up their outside interests in small corporations instead of maintaining the hundred million one.

Of one thing the labor union members may rest assured—if the unions are killed, they will be killed from the inside, not from without. So far as any cause is good, it flourishes by opposition. So far as it is bad, it grows weak from its own maladies.

The sucker who paid \$15 for reserved seats to see the world come to an end undoubtedly got his money's worth according to his mental capacity for handling too much funds. The elevated expenditure for the retention of the physical being is based very much on investments of this brilliant character.

Victor Berger, who was ousted from his seat in congress as an undesirable citizen and a socialist, was re-elected by the people of Milwaukee. They evidently want to see how far out congress will throw him the second time. If Milwaukee can't get Berger in they might send an ambassador to Washington.

The arch-anarchist Beckman howled: "To hell with America" as he sailed away from the dock on the ship with his bosom friend, Emma Goldman, both being deported. It showed conclusively that he had not changed his mind since first coming to America and that America made no mistake as to his intentions while here.

Mildewed Mildred says she heartily approves of the vote of approval given the "safety first campaign" by the Albuquerque Roaratarian club to the railroads, and hopes that for every life lost by accident, the club will vote a recapitulation of their former sentiments. Many lives are lost by deaths which could have been averted by different resolutions.

Chicago women are planning a "stop buying" campaign to reduce the cost of living. Their platform is: "Stop buying. Refuse to pay luxury prices and unreasonable prices for common foodstuffs. Buy only what is absolutely necessary now; stop eating dollar dozen eggs and ninety cent butter. Postpone the purchase of that fur coat and that expensive suit for the present—and watch prices tumble." We hope their hopes come true.

A local business man recently said when commenting on the high cost of everything: "If all small shops and businesses where mechanics are employed are like mine, it is an easy matter to account for the cost. Where I used to have one man employed and who did all the work, now I have to have two—one is a sort of a valet for the chief; stands around and hands him things and picks things up when he drops them; both do not do as much as one used to and it is no wonder the cost of production is so much higher and the supply so much less. We are not producing enough and that has as much to do with the cost as the labor."

Census enumerators in Los Angeles have already commenced to send out blanks, to "absentees" in order that they may "continue to be counted as among those present" in the great city which knows no limits as to "city." Since the census is to be taken in Flagstaff during the month of January all people who live here should at least be loyal enough to have their names put down for Flagstaff. We are willing to agree that the voters of Coconino county spend a whole lot of their time and money down south during the winter months—many of them are given to the population, so-called, for other places. Consequently Flagstaff gets the low end of the game.

THEY DIDN'T WORRY THEN

A man in Old Mystic, Conn., has unearthed a couple of old account books kept by his father in 1814 to 1841. They indicate that the people who lived in that era did not have to worry much about the high cost of living. But even these items seem extravagant when compared with the same jotted down in another book kept by his grandfather from 1794 to 1808. Here are some of the items from the more modern books:

June 1, 1820—Eight pounds of veal at 5 cents per pound, 40 cents; two pounds of butter at 12½ cents per pound, 25 cents.
Jan. 1, 1827—Four bushels potatoes, 24 cents.
Jan. 1, 1828—Seven and three-fourths pounds codfish at 3 cents, 23 cents.
Aug. 25, 1829—One gallon vinegar, 17 cents.
Aug. 13, 1839—Thirteen and one-half pounds cheese at 6 cents, 81 cents.
April 12, 1830—One and one-half bushels of sweet potatoes, 37 cents.
Oct. 12, 1829—Peck turnips, 6 cents.
July 2, 1825—Gallon molasses, 34 cents.
Nov. 6, 1830—Three bushels fall apples, 37 cents.
The rate of wages is recorded as follows:
July 16, 1822—Two days shingling house, \$2.
Jan. 4, 1840—Cutting wood, 30 cents.
April 16, 1828—One day making wall, 50 cents.

Jan. 17, 1828—Carting lumber, 66 cents.
November, 1824—Making eight logs and finding stuff, 32 cents.—From the Des Moines, Ia., Capital.

WEBSTER ON AMERICANISM.

When mine eyes shall be turned to behold for the last time the sun in heaven, may they not see him shining on the broken and dishonored sovereignty of a once glorious nation, on a land rent with alien intrigue, or drenched, it may be, in executive autocracy. May their last feeble and lingering glance rather behold the gorgeous ensign of the republic, now honored and respected throughout the earth, streaming in all its original luster, not a stripe of its glory polluted, nor a star of its majesty obscured, bearing for its motto no such miserable interrogatory as "What is our nationalism worth?" nor those other words of delusion and folly, "We will settle the affairs of the world," but everywhere, spread all over in characters of living light, that other sentiment dear to every true American heart, "America, the torchbearer of freedom, the world's inspiration, not its dictator."

WE WISH EVERYONE HAPPINESS

The Coconino Sun wishes that Christmas dealt kindly with you all and that there was good cheer where you gathered on that day. We hope the thoughts of the hour did much toward softening all old hatreds and left a warmer glow in your heart for all. It is well if we have made some one glad even though it be a gift of friendship.

May the coming year bring you much happiness and prosperity and in your happiness and prosperity may you help bring the same to others.

"DEPARTMENT OF RANSOMS" NEEDED

The list of Americans captured by Mexicans and held for ransom continues to grow. The business has assumed such proportions that the suggestion has been made that there should be a "Department of Ransoms" established at Washington to handle all matters connected with ransoms and see that the money is promptly furnished the bandits on demand. It is understood that the state department is considerably handicapped in its other work by reason of the detail of the corps of note writers who are now attending to Mexican depredations.

IT PAYS TO STAND IN

Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, private pill-dispenser to the president, has been awarded the navy cross along with several score of others who really fought for their country. Grayson probably received his for putting on the president's overshoes and overcoat in Paris. While the action or fire under which Grayson worked is not mentioned, the bombardment was undoubtedly that of hot-air from the peace conference, said to have been more deadly than the most dangerous mustard gas.

BOUND TO WIN

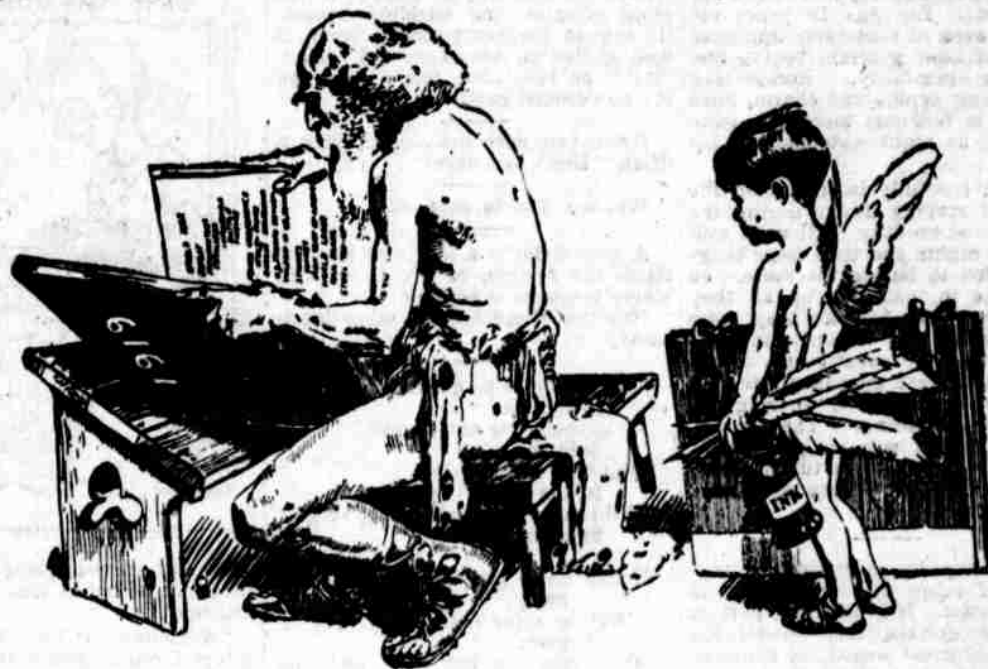
Editor Breen has started a campaign to secure 25,000 subscribers for his excellent weekly newspaper, The Coconino Sun. Should he live long enough and continue to improve the paper as he has during the past year, the goal ought to be attained. That would mean 80 per cent of the republicans of the state. Good enough—Phoenix Messenger.

There is a mixed feeling in the mind of the public as to whether the boost in prices of freight, express, coal, sugar and other such commodities is because of the tampering by the government or in spite of it. At least prices commence to soar as soon as a special commission is appointed by the president to investigate them.

Emma Goldman claims she is afraid of death at the hands of Russians if she is returned to Russia. Emma did not appear to be in the least afraid to incite death bombs and even recommend them for other people.

Mildewed Mildred says she thinks if Americans who went to Mexico would insure their lives in a Mexican company in which President Caranza was a stockholder, fewer lives would be lost.

The government has made every effort in the dry law to unionize cider without avail. Cider will work and the more it works the more it "kicks."



IN the passing of the old year and the advent of the New, we desire to express our appreciation of your friendship and extend our sincere wishes that Time may touch you gently and give you full measure of happiness and prosperity.

THE CITIZENS BANK

The Arizona Central Bank

extends the

Season's Greetings

and

Best Wishes

for a

Happy, Prosperous New Year